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1. MAIN FOCUS OF GOB INTEREST AND ACTIVITY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. AS SMALL, RELATIVELY POOR, DEVELOPING NATION, INHABITED LARGELY BY PEOPLE OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY, BARBADOS PERCEIVES OF ITSELF AS HAVING AFFINITY WITH THIRD WORLD. SOME INFLUENTIAL BARBADIAN VOICES REJECT THIS VIEW, HOWEVER, AND BARBADOS' PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN, CAMERON TUDOR, HAS RECENTLY STATED PUBLICLY THAT, IN HIS OPINION, BARBADOS IS NOT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. IN ANY EVENT, WHILE GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THIRD WORLD INITIATIVES IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, BARBADOS DOES NOT ESPOUSE THE VIEWS OF THE MORE RADICAL THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS AND IS DISINCLINED TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON ANY ISSUE. WE KNOW OF NO PRESENT PLANS BY THE GOB TO SEEK ELECTION TO ANY MULTILATERAL BODY OR TO ADVANCE THE CANDIDACY OF ANY BARBADIAN FOR A HIGH-LEVEL POSITION IN THE UN, OAS OR OTHER
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MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION.

2. SOME THIRD WORLD NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CARIBBEAN, PROBABLY EXERCISE A DEGREE OF INFLUENCE ON BARBADIAN DECISIONS ON SPECIFIC MULTIATERAL ISSUES. SO, HOWEVER, DO THE US AND UK. IN PAST, BARBADIAN DELEGAATION AT UN HAS INFLUENCED VOTE OF GRENADIAN DELEGATION ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION (SEE ALSO BRIDGETOWN 0354.

3. GOB FOLLOWS PRACTICE OF LAYING DOWN GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ITS DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND LEAVING HEAD OF DELEGATION CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR EXERCISE OF HIS OWN JUDGEMENT. IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, FORMER UN PERMREP WALDRON-RAMSAY EXERCISED PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND WAS CALLED TO TASK BY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOE, THOUGH IN THE END WALDRON-RAMSAY PREVAILED. NEVERTHELESS, WE DOUBT THAT GOB GENERALLY HAS EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER DELEGATIONS WHILE MEETINGS ARE IN PROGRESS OR THAT DELEGATIONS REPORT TO BRIDGETOWN IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO ENABLE DETAILED AND TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS TO BE SENT. MOREOVER, MOE WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND A PRACTICING POLITICIAN, SEEMINGLY DEVOTES MORE OF HIS TIME AND EFFORT TO THE DUTIES OF HIS OTHER OFFICES AND TO POLITICS THAN TO THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY AND IS NOT ALWAYS WELL INFORMED REGARDING SPECIFIC MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

4. PRESENT BARBADIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO UN AND OAS (TUDOR AND MAURICE KING, REPSPECTIVELY) ARE BOTH POLITICIANS WHO HAVE PRIME MINISTER BARROW'S CONFIDENCE AND MORE POLITICAL CLOUT THAN MOE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT BARROW CAN CONTROL THEM (THOUGH NEITHER IS A "YES" MAN), BUT, IF NONE OR THE OTHER WERE TO OPPOSE MOE ON A GIVEN ISSUE, IT WOULD MORE LIKELY BE THE MINISTER THAN THE AMBASSADOR WHO WOULD HAVE TO GIVE GROUND.

5. ON MOST MULTILATERAL ISSUES, GOB HAS BEEN RECEIPTIVE TO US REPRESENTATIONS. EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN THOSE GOB SEES AS "COLONIAL" ISSUES AND, IN SOME CASES, ECONOMIC ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA CONTINUE TO BE "ANATHEMA" TO GOB AND ANY UN ACTION AGAINST GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WILL ENJOY BARBADIAN APPROVAL. CONCEPT THAT USG/GOB INTERACTION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES IS PART OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IS UNDERSTOOD. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT

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WE HAVE NEITHER CARROT NOT STICK WITH WHICH TO SECURE GOB COOPERATION: US OPERATES NAVAL FACILITY IN BARBADOS AND NEITHER PAYS RENT NOR PROVIDES OTHER COMPENSATION, WHILE ONLY ASSISTANCE FURNISHED GOB BY USG IS CHANNELED THROUGH CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND CONSEQUENTLY, PROBABLY COULD NOT BE WITHHELD. (STILL, AS SHOWN BY GOB'S ACTION IN STOPPING TRANSIT OF CUBAN TROOPS BOUND FOR ANGOLA, GOB IS AWARE OF EFFECT ITS TAKING CERTAIN POSITIONS COULD HAVE ON US TOURISM,

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE ECONOMY.) GOB HAS ONLY TWICE WITHIN
LAST YEAR SOLICITED USG SUPPORT FOR BABADIAN MEMBERSHIP ON
EXECUTIVE ORGAN OF AN INTERNATIONAL BODY AND HAS NEVER,
TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, SOUGHT OUR SUPPORT ON MATTER OF SUBSTANCE.
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